



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Division of Workers' Compensation - Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MS-48)

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

MEMORIAL MRI AND DIAGNOSTIC

Respondent Name

VANLINER INSURANCE

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-3680-01

Carrier's Austin Representative Box

Box Number: 01

MFDR Date Received

JULY 9, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: The requestor did not submit a position summary with the request for Medical Fee Dispute Resolution

Amount in Dispute: \$525.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Position Statement: 1. The DOS for this appeal is June 19, 2014. The DWC60 was received by MFDR on July 9, 2015, more than 1 years [sic] after the date of service. The appeal was not filed with in [sic] 1 year after the date of service as required by rule 133.307(c)(1), and does not meet any of the exceptions listed in rule 133.307(c)(1)(B). The DWC60 was therefore not filed timely."

Response Submitted by: Risk Management Services

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
June 19, 2014	Radiological Services	\$525.00	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for health care providers to pursue a medical fee dispute.

Issue

Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states: "Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file with the Division's MDR Section or waive the right to MDR. The Division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MDR

Section receives the request. (A) A request for medical fee dispute resolution that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute." The date of the services in dispute is June 19, 2014. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Dispute Resolution (MDR) section on July 9, 2015. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307, subparagraph (B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

The Division finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute. For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by both parties to this dispute have not been addressed.

Authorized Signature

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Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	August 7, 2015 Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.